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Can't Fight City Hall

An Administration bill currently before Congress would establish a new cabinet department, the Department of Urban Affairs and Housing.

Administration spokesmen say the proposed new department is really more of a consolidation of existing bureaus, and have testified that the bill, while creating 16 new federal jobs, would eliminate 14, and would only represent a net increased cost to the taxpayers of \$64,000.

All of which makes a good sales pitch. But a little research reveals that "consolidation" doesn't always work out that way. For instance, Congress in 1953 created the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which consolidated 10 agencies and institutions. HEW's payroll jumped from 36,613 persons to 63,154 in 1961; its cost from \$1.9 billion in 1953 to \$3.8 billion in 1961.

If anyone thinks it's difficult to fight City Hall, imagine coping with the bureaucrats of the Federal Department of Urban Affairs!

Opinions of Others

Seems no matter how convinced you are that it's a bad risk to pick up any hiker, you'll still feel just a little like a heel when you sail on past. The police department at Globe, Ariz., made a survey of 300 hitchhikers. It showed 84 had criminal records or were wanted by authorities. Criminal records included 24 for burglary, 14 for auto theft, and 11 for personal violence. — *Liberal (Kan.) Southwest Daily Times.*

Morning Report:

For months, British papers had been after Princess Margaret's husband to go to work. So Tony found a job on "The Sunday Times." And now the newspapers are after him worse than ever.

They are worried that Tony will slip scoops about the Royal Family to his paper. And at \$28,000 a year it's the least he can do. Quite clearly, the editors meant he should go to work in a department store, or maybe pumping gas.

An editor opens his mouth and finds himself sitting on his own sharp tack. Freedom of the press is wonderful, also sometimes painful.

Abe Mellinkoff

Out of the Past

From the Pages of the HERALD

40 Years Ago

With such famous speakers as Dr. George P. Taubman of Long Beach, the chairman of the Industrial division of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and with the promise of Judge Bledsoe, the first Torrance Town Meeting to be held next Monday night bids fair to be the greatest civic event in the history of Torrance. Speakers are expected to tell what the future holds for Torrance.

The Torrance Window Glass Works is running full blast with a force of 300 men at work. This is good news in contrast to rumors running around that the plant was not only to curtail its production but would close down altogether.

The engineer who designed the heating system in the Torrance school building made an error in the size of the boiler. The boiler was only half-sized and the consequences are that the temperature in the classroom on Monday of this week was so low the children had to be sent home.

30 Years Ago

Salaries of all appointive city officials and wage rates of all city workers will be reduced 20 per cent effective Feb. 15, according to action taken Tuesday evening by the City Council. The order applies to all paid city employees except the city clerk and city treasurer who are elected and whose pay is set by law.

Harvey Gutfenfelder, congenial battery dealer in Torrance, was last week ap-

pointed secretary of the Torrance Rotary Club to replace Ed C. Nelson who resigned because of the press of other duties as cashier of the First National Bank and city councilman.

J. M. Wright served notice to the City Council Tuesday night that he will shortly present a petition with 374 signatures asking for repeal of the 10-cent promotional and park fund. He wants the matter placed on the ballot in April.

Precipitation for Torrance, during the storm beginning Saturday to Tuesday morning was 1.58 inches bringing the total for the season to 11.26. Last year at this time Torrance had received only 3.13 inches of moisture.

20 Years Ago

"Our city officials should get up on their hind-legs and rear at our congressmen and senators back in Washington to find out why we can't get the comparatively small amount of steel to finish the job of earthquake reconstruction here," Charles V. Jones declared this week. Inability of local property owners to secure structural steel has virtually halted all rehabilitation of quake-damaged buildings.

Next Sunday night when you retire don't forget to advance your clocks one hour. Daylight saving time goes into effect Monday to remain until six months after the conclusion of the war or at an earlier date if Congress so decrees.

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Si, My Pet Is Poisonous—



James Dorais

'Instant Tax' Proposal Meets Chilly Reception

Few Presidential proposals since Roosevelt's scheme to pack the Supreme Court (although it's unfashionable to criticize the Supreme Court these days, the old New Dealers used to sneer unashamedly at the Court as "nine old men") have met a chillier reception than President Kennedy's State of the Union message demand for standby authority to raise or lower personal income tax rates at will.

For one thing, the U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, states: "The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes." Congress has ab-

dicated a good deal of power over the years, but it is hardly likely to relinquish its tax prerogatives overnight.

Indeed, the political implications of the proposal are rather appalling. Tax cuts are universally popular, of course. An incumbent Presidential candidate who slashed personal income tax rates during an election campaign would doubtless garner votes like a bee gathers honey.

True, his Gallup Poll popularity index would zoom to an all time low after election when he found it necessary to cancel the cut, or raise the rates still higher to off-set the revenue losses, but then a President can only serve for two terms anyway.

The economic implications are even more serious. The tax-tinkering device is asked for as an anti-recession tool. The idea is that to prevent a business slump taxes would be reduced to stimulate consumer buying. On the other hand taxes would be raised to combat inflation.

But where are the experts who are qualified to determine just when the right

time has arrived to take either of these courses? Or just what precise decrease or increase in rates is required to accomplish either of these ends?

Economists are like psychiatrists: it depends on whom they are working for—the defense or the prosecution. Ask six of them a question and you get six different answers.

As consumers—that's all of us—we'd love to have our taxes cut. But if the government's experts told us they were cutting our taxes because they feared a depression was coming, would we rush right out and buy new washing machines with our new money? More than likely, we'd stuff it in a mattress.

The President's proposal obviously has its roots in the flexible tax theories of the economist Lord Keynes. But what ever happened to the old-fashioned idea that governments were supposed to levy at all times just enough money to meet operating expenses?

And another question: which eat from Harvard sold the President on this dilly?

ROYCE BRIER

Congress Shaping Fight On Foreign Trade Issue

The biggest domestic fight in the Congress will be over foreign trade, and it has been going on since colonial times.

The people set the terms of their trading. The greatest agglomeration of traders ever seen is comprised of American producers and workers.

Set against this is an even greater agglomeration of producers and workers for the home market. In the main they have always sought high tariffs to prevent inflow of cheaper foreign goods. Thus all foreign goods in varying degrees have been at a premium in America.

But brooding over this controversy has always been a sort of human reciprocity law: To sell and derive a profit abroad, you have to buy abroad. No nation can buy American goods without selling to us. Some have been compelled against their will to buy more than they can sell, creating chronic and damaging deficits.

A current example is Japan. The Japanese have had a runaway prosperity. Their major market is America, and they are our second market, but their headlong expansion has created a deficit.

Last year we sold them \$1.7 billion in goods, and they sold us \$1.1 billion. New they are trying to retrench. Their only alternative is more export to America to narrow the deficit.

The other day a trade council numbering both American and Japanese businessmen, issued a report saying Japanese purchase of American goods last year furnished jobs for roughly 250,000 Americans.

This is not a disinterested report, but neither is it distorted. The biggest sellers to Japan (1960) were Texas, \$128 million, and California, \$111 million, the biggest items, cotton and machinery.

A Bookman's Notebook

'Inside Story' of CIA Stirs Capital Circles

William Hogan

The appearance of "CIA: The Inside Story," by the former White House correspondent Andrew Tully, may intrigue readers who can't keep their hands off big-time cloak-and-dagger tales.

The United States Central Intelligence Agency is one of the biggest and most complex espionage organizations in history. In recent months, particularly after the Cuban fiasco, it has become one of the most controversial.

While Tully's book does not, so far as I can see, reveal any secrets, it has already stirred controversy in Washington. According to the wire services, Allen W. Dulles, former director of the CIA, questioned the accuracy of much of the book. Dulles referred to it as "the upside-down story."

Tully, of course, doesn't spare Dulles in this report, especially in the Cuban invasion fiasco.

It was reported last week that some government officials had asked that their names be removed from the author's note of gratitude for assistance in compiling material for the book. (These included Dulles, strangely enough; Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana and White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, among others.)

According to the United Press, Tully declared that these officials gave him no classified information. "The opinions in the book and the responsibility for the book are mine," he was quoted.

I don't suppose this is the "inside story" of the CIA any more than Don Whitehead's "The FBI Story" was anything more than J. Edgar Hoover wanted Whitehead to make public on that agency.

Still, this is an interesting rundown on the history and general function of a super-secret crowd that is reported to spend many millions of dollars annually on such capers as flying U-2s over the USSR for four years before it was caught. The scenes shift here from Germany to Iran to Korea and Laos.

The CIA has performed admirably in most situations, Tully concludes. Its major errors, he feels, occurred when the agency stepped into the field of policy making—one of the reasons its wings have been clipped under the present Administration.

NOTES ON THE MARGIN
Dr. Edward Teller, a cen-

Quote

"I wonder if we aren't a little bit pushy in all our efforts to land on distant planets without an invitation. Apparently celestial visitors who come our way in flying saucers don't like what they see. They keep on going." — J. D. Blizard, Dillon (S.C.) Herald.

"Another thing about capitalism — everybody knows who's in Grant's tomb." — Louis Nelson Bowman, King City (Mo.) Tri-County News.

"The recent housecleaning in Washington, D. C., certainly has thrown a lot of bureaucrats into work." — Ray S. Francis, Cherryvale (Kans.) Republican.

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tral and controversial figure of the nuclear age, presents his views on U. S. nuclear policy in "The Legacy of Hiroshima." Doubleday will issue it in March. Dr. Teller's collaborator on the book is Allen Brown.

The fourth and final volume of Thomas Costain's "Pageant of England," is due this month from Doubleday.

Titled "The Last Plantagenets," it follows the fortunes of the reigning Plantagenets family from 1377 to 1485, from the rule of Richard II to the end of the dynasty in Richard III. The earlier volumes in the series were "The Conquerors," "The Magnificent Century" and "The Three Edwards." CIA: The Inside Story, By Andrew Tully, Morrow, 276 pp., \$4.50.

Around the World With



DELAPLANE

"We are going to Alamos in Sonora, Mexico, and can you tell us . . . how is the hotel Casa de los Tesoros?"

One of the best in Mexico. Alamos is an old, Spanish-days mining town that ran out of silver and closed down and fell into grand ruins.

Casa de los Tesoros is American-operated. Good rooms and food. Also, it has one of the best shops in Mexico — they import the best from all over.

" . . . a place you recommend in Spain for a passport car?"

Loewe's on the Gran Via — the big main street. About \$5 and the best-looking case I've seen. Mine is five years old and still looks good.

" . . . if you would answer a few questions about New Orleans—such as the place you get the special breakfast?"

You mean the French Market down on the river front. Fluffy "donuts" in powdered sugar and black New Orleans coffee.

" . . . and about New Orleans night life?"

There's a free folder on your hotel desk giving you the list. Best spots are where they have the jazz music and no strip-tease.

Bourbon Street is the street you want. But the strip places usually start off with \$5 for the first drink as a cover charge.

" . . . a hotel in the French Quarter?"

Hotel Monteleone is good and central.

"Can you give us any information of any kind on freighter travel?"

It's fun—they only carry 12 passengers, though, and you might get stuck with a bad 11. It's hard to get — they're booked up pretty well in advance and only have 12 spaces to sell.

Best general information we've found is "Ford's Official Freighter Travel Guidebook," \$2.50, from 2031 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif.

" . . . like to get some information on schools in Europe?"

Pan American World Airways has a book on this—one of their offices or a book store should have it "New Horizons in Education," \$1. Very good but sometimes hard to find a copy.

" . . . where did you say to write for 1962 'Coming Events in Europe?'"

Write European Travel Commission, 630 Fifth Ave., New York City.

"We are going to Japan. Should we buy Japanese yen here?"

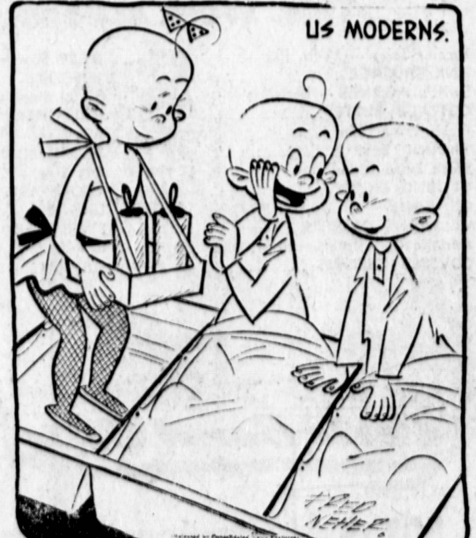
It's cheaper here. Cheaper still in Hong Kong illegal to take it into Japan.

Stan Delaplaine finds it impossible to answer all of his travel mail.

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LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"Not bad, eh?"